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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
YOSHIHIKO YANO ET AL : EXAMINER: NGUYEN, J. H.
SERIAL NO: 09/866,691 :
FILED: MAY 30, 2001 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2815
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.181

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Notice of Abandonment of February 13, 2003, Applicants hereby request withdrawal of the Holding of Abandonment for the reasons as follow:

An Office Action was mailed in the above-identified application on March 11, 2002. Applicants filed an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration responsive to the Office Action on September 11, 2002. A Request for Extension of Time (3 months), a Letter Requesting Approval of Drawing Changes, one Formal Drawing, a date-stamped filing receipt dated February 12, 2002, a copy of an Information Disclosure Statement filed on February 12, 2002 and a copy of a form PTO-1449 filed on February 12, 2002 were included with the filing of September 11, 2002. Copies of all papers as filed and a copy of a date-stamped filing receipt evidencing the timely submission thereof on September 11, 2002 are attached.

The Notice of Abandonment of February 13, 2003 indicates that the reason for abandonment is Applicants' failure to timely file a proper reply to the Office Action of March 11, 2002. As evidenced by the attached copies, Applicants timely filed a response to the Office Action of March 11, 2002 on September 11, 2002. Applicants submit that the Notice of Abandonment was incorrectly issued in view of Applicants' filing of September 11, 2002.

Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the holding of abandonment and return of the case to the Examiner for consideration of the filing of September 11, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,

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